registerred with the Cashew Corporation of India within 7 days of its execution.

Sea Bird Project at Karwar

811. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests have given a conditional clearance to the Sea Bird Naval Base Project at Karwar in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the work has been commenced on the project;

(c) the total amount required for the above project and time scheduled fixed for its completion; and

(d) the amount spent so far towards rehabilitation of displaced families due to the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work relating to Phase I of the Project can commence only after the implications of the conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance have been examined and approval of the Government to the revised cost of the Project obtained.

(c) The cost estimates for Phase I works of the Project are under examination. These works are expected to be completed in a time frame of 10 years form the date of their commencement, subject to the availability of funds.

(d) Out of the lumpsum Rehabilitation Grant of Rs. 9.00 crores paid to the State Government, they are reported to have so far spent Rs. 2.12 crores (approx) towards the rehabilitation of the displaced families.

Setting up of Cashew Board in Kerala

812. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4072 on August 23, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Union Government have since taken any decision to set up a Cashew Board in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the total quantity of cashewnut produced in Kerala during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY-MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). It has been decided not to set up a Cashew Board.

(c) Cashewnut produced in Kerala during the las three years is given below:-

Year	*Production (MT)*
1988-89	1,36,900
1989-90	1,39,500
1990-91	1,42,100

Branches of Indian Banks in Kathmandu

813. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow the State Bank of India and other public Sector Banks to set up their branches in Kathmandu;